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6 as a practical demonstration of their appreciation and
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8 far since Nebraska's first observance back in 1872 and,
9 through the years, Arbor Day has proved a valuable aid
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16 our trees and forests are safeguarded against waste and
17 misuse; that real forest conservation is achieved in the
18 United States"....Now, to the Pine Cone Ranger Station
19 where we find Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant,
20 Jerry Quick, learning, for the first time, about the
21 Arbor Day plans of the local school-teacher, Mary Halloway.
22 Jim and Jerry aren't very enthused somehow and it's lucky
23 for Mary that Jim's wife, Bess, is on hand to back her up.
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them they are!

1 MARY: (FADING IN) Jerry, if you'll just listen to me, and let me
2 finish....

3 JERRY: But I thought you said you weren't going to have any
4 elaborate Arbor Day doings for the school kids this year.

5 JIM: Yeah, I got that idea too, Mary.

6 MARY: Oh dear! Maybe I did say that, but can't a girl change her
7 mind? We were just sort of planning a class-room program at
8 first, but then...well, it seems now that we ought to have
9 some outside program with the children actually participating
10 and.....

11 JERRY: Yeah, that's okay, Mary. But you just get this bright idea
12 today, see?.....and the celebration's coming up tomorrow.

13 JIM: That's right, Mary. It doesn't leave us much time to work
14 up whatever you have in mind.

15 BESS: For Heaven's sakes, Jim Robbins, and you too, Jerry. I
16 declare. You two are acting like Mary'd committed a crime or
17 something, instead of trying to put on a nice Arbor Day
18 program for the children.

19 JIM: But you see, Bess.....

20 JERRY: Golly, Mrs. Robbins, it's just that Mary's left us so little
21 time to do anything.

22 BESS: And another thing. Whatever Mary plans to do about Arbor Day,
23 isn't it for your benefit as well as the children's? You two
24 foresters ought to be interested in a program about trees and
25 forest conservation if anybody is.

MARY: (DISCOURAGED) Never mind, Mrs. Robbins. I'll just go ahead and have classroom exercises. The children will be disappointed, of course, and one child in particular, but.....

JERRY: Aw now, wait a minute, Mary, we didn't say we wouldn't help you.

JIM: Of course we didn't Mary. S'pose you tell us what you really have in mind. Maybe we can work something out after all.

BESS: Now, that's better. Go ahead and tell them, Mary. Tell them about your program.

MARY: Well, we'd like to plant a tree...a very special tree.

JERRY: Just one tree?

MARY: Yes, Jerry. With appropriate ceremonies of course. The children have all agreed it's to be called the All-Nations tree, to represent all the Allied Nations who are fighting together against tyranny and aggression.

BESS: I think it's a splendid idea, Mary.

JIM: This tree you're going to plant, Mary? Where you figuring on getting it?

MARY: That's where you and Jerry come in, Mr. Robbins. I was hoping you'd help us get the tree.....

JERRY: And plant it for you, too, huh?

BESS: You stop it, Jerry. Go on, Mary.

MARY: I was hoping we could go up into the forest this afternoon, all of us....and that you two men would help Jan select a nice tree that we can use as our All-Nations tree and....

JERRY: Jan? Who's Jan?

MARY: (DISGUSTED) Never mind, Mrs. Robbins. I'll just go ahead
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JERRY: Jan? Who's Jan?

1 MARY: He's that little refugee boy who came to Winding Creek about
2 a month ago to live with Mrs. Martin, Jerry. You've seen
3 Jan Torkin, I know. He's the sweetest, most precocious boy
4 I've ever met. And so very serious.....

5 JERRY: Yeah, that's fine but what's all that got to do with this tree
6 planting business?

7 MARY: Oh, Jerry, are you completely blind? Jan is a little refugee.
8 I tell you. He was forced to leave his own country and Mrs.
9 Martin says no one knows whether his parents are alive or dead.
10 So we all thought he ought to be the one to choose the All-
11 Nations tree. Jan Torkin knows more than any of us the real
12 meaning of tyranny and aggression.

13 JIM: Yeah, the boy's the right one for the job, no doubt about that...
14 And I think your whole idea is good, about tying this Arbor
15 Day into the war and paying honor to our Allies by naming a
16 tree for 'em.....but there's one thing.....

17 MARY: What's that, Mr. Robbins?

18 JIM: Well, this business of taking a tree out of the forest just to
19 plant it somewhere around your school house. That doesn't
20 strike me so good, Mary.

21 MARY: But it'll just be one tree, Mr. Robbins....

22 BESS: Certainly, Jim. That won't hurt anything, will it? One
23 little tree?
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25

1 JIM: No, I reckon it wouldn't ruin our whole forest. But I'm
2 thinking about the principle of the thing. Suppose every
3 time anybody ever wanted to plant a tree he came up and
4 yanked it out of the forest. By and by our forest'd look
5 pretty sick, wouldn't it?.....There's no practical value in
6 uprooting a good tree that's already established in the forest
7 community just to put it back in the ground someplace else. I
8 don't know whether I'm making myself very clear but that kind
9 of thing doesn't seem to me to jibe very well with the idea
10 of forest conservation.

11 JERRY: See, Mary? If you'd given us more time we could've arranged
12 to get a tree for you from the nursery down at Elk City. But
13 that's out now, it's so late.

14 JIM: Do you have to plant a tree, Mary? Isn't there some other
15 scheme you could substitute or....

16 MARY: I....I don't know. The children are so eager about having an
17 All-Nations tree.

18 JIM: It seems to me that Arbor Day means more than simply planting
19 a few trees. The way I look at it, it oughta be a time to
20 take stock, to appreciate all the ways our trees and forests
21 are helping us live our fine American way of life; to see
22 what's going on in our forests and what's happening to the
23 trees themselves. You saw what Secretary Wickard said the
24 other day? In this country, he said, we've been too much
25 inclined to plant a tree and waste a forest.

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1 JERRY: We plant a tree and waste a forest... Say, you've really got
2 something there, Jim.

3 BESS: Of course you're right, Jim. That's all true. But what about
4 Mary's program? And more than that, I'm thinking about little
5 Jan Torkin....Jim.

6 JIM: I reckon I know what's coming, Bess.

7 BESS: We can't let that boy down, Jim. Jan's probably been looking
8 forward so very eagerly to being out with you Rangers and all....

9 JIM: I know, Bess...

10 JERRY: You're sunk, Jim. You might as well go ahead...Just the same,
11 how's a youngster like that going to know what tree can best
12 be transplanted with a chance to live and all.

13 BESS: I don't think that's the most important thing right now, Jerry.

14 MARY: (INTENTLY) Mr. Robbins, I've never asked you before now to
15 violate any of your forest rules or a single one of your fine
16 principles, but if you'll just help us out this once...I'll
17 never forget it. I'm thinking about Jan Torkin, too.....

18 JIM: So am I, Mary. So am I. Tomorrow we'll let Jan have his day,
19 huh? (FADE) I reckon we can do it, Mary, this once.

20 PAUSE

21 JAN: (FADING IN, ACCENT) I am more happy today than any other day
22 since I have come to this beautiful country, Miss Halloway.

23 MARY: Well, that makes us very happy too, Jan.

24 JAN: This forest is like in my own country. We have forest in my
25 country, Mister Robbins, and big fine men like you and Mr.
Quick....who take care of them. (SLOWLY) I mean, that is the
way it used to be.

JIM: (HEARTILY) Yes indeed, Jan, I know all about your forests and how well your foresters have always taken care of them. I guess we could still learn a few things here in America from some of those European forests.

JAN: My uncle Peter, he was a forester, Mister Robbins, before.. before those bad.....

BESS: Well! We didn't know that, Jan. So your uncle was a forester? And, of course you know a lot about trees then....

JERRY: Look folks, this is all swell but it's getting kinda late. Don't you think we oughta hurry up and decide on what tree we're going to use tomorrow?

JAN: Mister Quick is like...What you say in this country? ...ants in the trousers?

ALL LAUGH

JAN: Did I say something wrong?

MARY: No, dear, but Mr. Quick is right. Now, suppose you select one of these nice little pine trees here that we can plant at the schoolhouse tomorrow. Remember, Jan, the one you pick will represent all the Allied Nations fighting against your country's enemies and ours. And we'll want it to grow tall and straight.

JAN: Miss Holloway, I hope you will not be angry....but....

MARY: Yes, Jan?

JAN: I have been thinking, Miss Holloway. I...I do not believe this is a very good thing....I do not want to put my finger on a little tree and say, "This is the one...this is the one we take away."

1 JERRY: Well, doggone, what d'ya think about that?

2 BESS: Bless his little heart.

3 MARY: I...I don't understand. What is it, Jan?

4 JIM: Wait a minute, Mary. I understand all right...Jan, you said
5 your Uncle was a forester. And you're thinking he wouldn't
6 approve this sort of thing, this taking a tree out of the
7 forest for transplanting someplace else. Is that it, Jan?

8 JAN: Yes. My Uncle Peter...he would not like it, Mister Robbins.
9 He would not do it. I know he would not do it.....But there
10 is something else, too....

11 JIM: What is it, son?

12 JAN: These nice little trees here. Don't you see, Miss Holloway?
13 Each one of them is happy here. Is it not so? And I do not
14 want to have to say that one of them must be taken away.....
15 They came and took me away...from my home, and my little friends.
16 Oh, Miss Holloway. I am sorry. I did not mean to make you cry.
17 I hope you are not angry.

18 BESS: (ON THE TEARFUL SIDE) Miss Holloway is not angry, Jan. And
19 you're right, child. We won't disturb these little trees.

20 JAN: Thank you...Mister Robbins?

21 JIM: Not finished yet huh, son? Speak up, Jan.

1 JAN: I have been thinking, Mister Robbins. Is there not some other
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9 JIM: Yes sir. We'll have our Arbor Day exercises here in the
10 forest. And we'll see how the little trees of the forest
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14 forest that man has to replant it. And we'll see how our
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2 Jan?

3 JAN: Thank you....Miss Halloway, could we not call these little
4 trees here, our All-Nations trees?

5 MARY: Jan, you're precious. Of course we can do exactly that, And
6 we will.

7 JIM: Yes sir, we'll pledge our whole forest to help win Victory
8 for the United Nations...and to contribute to peace and
9 prosperity in the years to come.

10 JERRY: Doggoned if the kid doesn't have all the answers. If you ask
11 me I never thought it'd take a youngster to show us how to
12 really observe Arbor Day.

13 JIM: It's happened before, Jerry. Well, not exactly in connection
14 with Arbor Day maybe.

15 JERRY: Huh?

16 BESS: What do you mean, Jim?

17 JIM: About youngsters showing us the way, I'm thinking of Someone
18 else who said, "And a little Child shall lead them!"

19 MUSICAL FINALE

20 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the
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